

To members of the Judiciary Committee,

My name is Richard W. Mayhew and I live in Plantsville, Connecticut. I'm a retired Firefighter/Paramedic from the Town of Hamden. I also spent seven years as a Connecticut State Trooper, with the majority of the time patrolling many towns in the Troop F and Troop I areas of responsibility. I have experience in dealing with domestic violence and it's many aspects.

I OPPOSE H.B. 6355, "An act concerning risk protection orders or warrants" for the following reasons. Research, facts, and statistics show that the majority of domestic violent homicides are by strangulation, blunt force trauma (fists, hammers, bats, etc.), and edged weapons (knives). These IMPORTANT facts are ignored in H.B.6355!

I also do not believe our Constitution and Bill of Rights should be "THROWN OUT with the bath water"! As in H.R. 127 (U.S. Congress), ex-spouses, dis-agreeable neighbors, or out of state family members should NOT be able to secretly file erroneous and false complaints for personal vendettas and then be hidden from facing the "accused"! In ALL these bills there is NO DUE PROCESS!

I saw familiar names on the list of co-sponsors, who like the idea of ammunition taxes. But I'll hazard a guess that they also favor legalizing marijuana!
ANY DRUG, like alcohol, FUELS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE! So I cannot reconcile how any legislator can favor or support H.B. 6355 and ALSO favor legalizing another drug for "recreational" use which will lead to "spousal abuse"!

Both in Washington, D.C. and Hartford, Connecticut, lawmakers are "jumping off the precipice" of logic and good judgment, and impaling us all on the spikes of insane and useless laws of political correctness!

Respectfully submitted,
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